

USE OF THE COMMISSION'S PLENARY POWERS INVOLVED IN  
THE COUNTER-PROPOSALS ON TWO POINTS INVOLVED IN  
DR. HERBERT W. LEVI'S APPLICATION REGARDING THE  
GENERIC NAME "THERIDION" WALCKENAER, 1805 (CLASS  
ARACHNIDA) SUBMITTED BY PROFESSOR PIERRE BONNET

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In the letter dated 28th January 1957, reproduced on pages 96 to 97 of the present Part of the *Bulletin*, Professor Pierre Bonnet (*Université de Toulouse*), while supporting the general purpose of the application relating to the generic name *Theridion* Walckenaer, 1805 (Class Arachnida) submitted by Dr. Herbert W. Levi (*University of Wisconsin*) (1956, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 12 : 27—30), puts forward counter-proposals on the two following points as to which he advocates :—

- (a) The acceptance of the emendation *Theridium* in place of the Original Spelling *Theridion* Walckenaer, 1805 ;
- (b) The acceptance, as the specific name for the species recommended by Dr. Levi to be designated as the type species of the genus *Theridion* Walckenaer, 1805, of the specific name *picta* Walckenaer, 1802, as published in the combination *Aranea picta*, notwithstanding the fact that that name is a junior homonym of the specific name *picta* Razoumowsky, 1789, as published in the combination *Aranea picta*.

2. Attention is here drawn to the fact that the acceptance by the International Commission of either of the foregoing proposals would involve the use of its Plenary Powers. Accordingly, Public Notice of the possible use of the above Powers for the foregoing purposes is being given forthwith in the prescribed manner. The Notice so required to be given in the present serial will be found on page 34 of the present part.